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BQFIEND DAILY PROGRESS REPORT, MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1951

1. The six-man Pear team headed by Hamit Matiani exfiltrated from Albania on 3 September. During their three-week stay inside the country they were involved in a battle with Albanian Communists between Gramsh and Voskopoje and killed two without loss. The team disobeyed instructions by operating outside the assigned area and by becoming involved with the enemy before becoming properly established. In addition, they failed to display fires for the supply drop to the team.

Operation staff of the Valuable mission is put out as the activities of the Pear team took place in one of their operating areas and may have dislocated the effective operation of their Horse team.

[ ] has recommended disbanding this team but has requested that its two top members be retained for future hit-and-run operations.

2. In the BQFIEND Daily Progress Report of 6 September, it was stated that the September infiltrations had been postponed until October because of the lack of trained W/T operators. This is not strictly accurate as a subsequent message from [ ] states that he plans infiltrations of several one and two-man overland infiltration teams during September.

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